

August 25, 2024

# Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church

Guest Minister	The Reverend Dr. Edwin G. Hurley	
Worship Leader	Bob Eoff	
Flowers	Gillian and Mike Goodrich	
Ushers	Kelly and Dean Dancer	
Minister's Hospitality	Gillian and Mike Goodrich	
Refreshments	Becky and Charles King	
Communion Servers	Molly Blythe Jennifer Currie	Jack Blythe Greg Currie
Music	Cissy Shull	
Bagpiper	Ella Markland	

## Website

Please visit the Wee Kirk website ([www.weekirk.org](http://www.weekirk.org)) for information about our visiting ministers, church history, and benevolence. On the website, you can volunteer to usher or serve lemonade. For more information about volunteering, call or text Sally McElwee 704-975-5920. Past sermons also can be found on the website. For more information about sermon recordings, call or text Nancy Wechsler 214-609-0654.

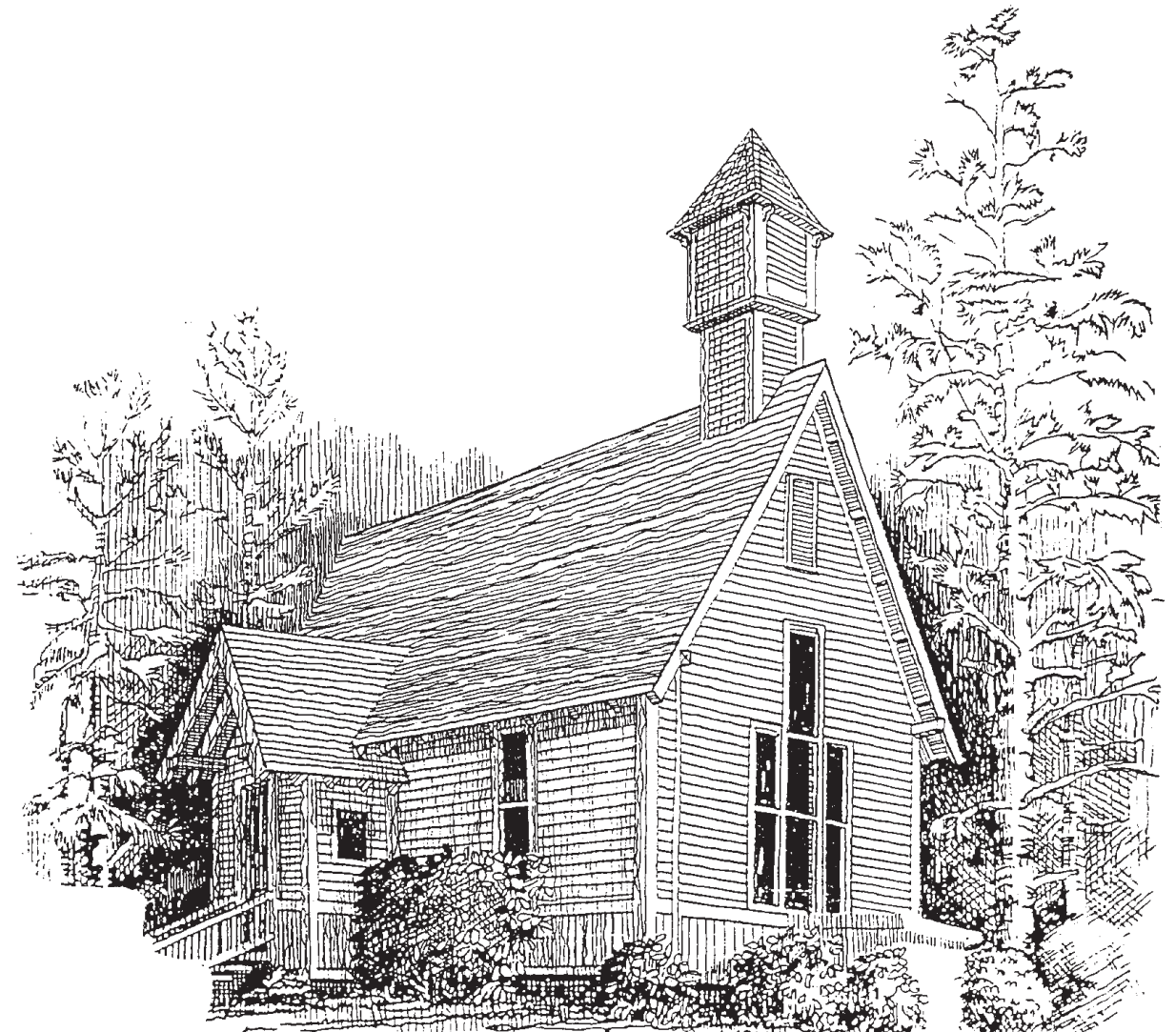
## Outreach

The vast majority of our gifts and offerings go to our Outreach Program, the focus of which is to serve the children and families in Avery County. Through your generosity, we provide funding for tutors in classrooms, swimming lessons for Pre-K and 2nd graders, essential needs, medical care, and enrichment programs, along with scholarship stipends for some Mayland Community College students. Thank you for your support.

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*Circa 1895*

## GUEST MINISTER

### The Reverend Dr. Edwin G. Hurley

With pleasure today, we welcome The Reverend Dr. Edwin G. Hurley and his wife Gayle.

Dr. Edwin Gray Hurley is Pastor Emeritus of South Highland Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama, where he served for 22 years, having retired this past December. SHPC is an historic congregation founded in 1888 located near downtown Birmingham, seeking to help all become “fully alive with a passion of Christ.” Dr. Hurley previously served churches in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Monroe, Louisiana; and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Ed grew up in El Dorado, Arkansas. He graduated from McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He received his B.A. degree from Vanderbilt University with a double major in history and English, his M.Div. Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, his D.Min. degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. Ed did graduate study at New College, the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, as recipient of the graduate study fellowship for parish ministry awarded by Princeton Theological Seminary.

Ed and Gayle recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Gayle is an artist, beekeeper, former children’s choir director and a person always curious about new things! Ed and Gayle have three children, Stuart (Tracy), Peter, and Catherine (Hunter), and five grandchildren, Kelly, Hayden, Winfield, Henry, and Gray.

Ed remains active in the Presbytery of Sheppards & Lapsley, serving currently as moderator of the executive council. He has served as a commissioner to several general assemblies. He serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church, with whom he has traveled worldwide, last year to Pakistan, Syria, Lebanon, and Poland, and this coming fall, he will travel with a team to China. Ed serves on the advisory board of the Beeson divinity school, Sanford University.

Next week our guest minister will be  
The Reverend Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr.  
Senior Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach  
Delray Beach, Florida

### Friday Morning Bible Study

Dr. Hood will lead the Bible Study on Friday, August 30th, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the small dining room at the Eseeola Lodge. Complimentary continental breakfast and coffee will be available. Please come and bring a friend! Kathy and Charlie Gray will be hosting Dr. Hood.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS** (Please remain seated)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Isaiah 55)

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

**Congregation: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

**Congregation: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Leader: Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

**Congregation: I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.**

Leader: Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

**Congregation: For as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,**

Leader: So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Let us worship the Creating Father, the Redeeming Son, and the Empowering Holy Spirit!

\* HYMN NO. 139

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess ours sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 54:4-14

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3:1-21

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SERMON

“A Long Night’s Journey into Day”

\* HYMN (see insert)

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

\* THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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OFFERING AND \*DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

\* HYMN NO. 376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\* BENEDICTION

\* *Those who are able please stand.*